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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

LYNN M. ABELL ET AL.

CASE NO.: BB1255

APPLICATION NO.: 09/807,236

GROUP ART UNIT: 1652

FILED: AUGUST 27, 2001

EXAMINER: CHRISTIAN L. FRONDA

FOR: PLANT HISTIDINE BIOSYNTHETIC ENZYMES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment and Response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed August 1, 2003.

A Petition for Extension of Time for two (2) months up to and including November 3, 2003 (Monday), is filed simultaneously herewith.

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